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# H. R. 1680

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 1999

Mr. THOMAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LAND EXCHANGE, CAMP OWEN AND RELATED**  
4 **PARCELS, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.**

5 (a) EXCHANGE REQUIRED.—If the non-Federal lands  
6 described in subsection (b) are conveyed to the United  
7 States in accordance with this section, the Secretary of  
8 Agriculture shall convey to Kern County, California, all  
9 right, title, and interest of the United States in and to

1 three parcels of land under the jurisdiction of the Forest  
2 Service in Kern County, as follows:

3 (1) Approximately 104 acres known as Camp  
4 Owen.

5 (2) Approximately 4 acres known as Wofford  
6 Heights Park.

7 (3) Approximately 3.4 acres known as the  
8 French Gulch maintenance yard.

9 (b) DESCRIPTION OF NON-FEDERAL LANDS.—The  
10 non-Federal lands referred to in subsection (a) consist of  
11 Greenhorn Mountain Park, in Kern County, California,  
12 which is a 160 acre, forested park owned by the County  
13 within Sequoia National Forest. The park consists of  
14 camp sites (including outdoor grills, picnic tables, and  
15 parking spurs), cabins, dining facilities, a recreational  
16 hall, paved roads and parking lot, restroom and shower  
17 facilities, storage buildings, and an outdoor amphitheater.

18 (c) CONDITIONS ON ACCEPTANCE.—Title to the non-  
19 Federal lands to be conveyed under this section must be  
20 acceptable to the Secretary, and the conveyance shall be  
21 subject to such valid existing rights of record as may be  
22 acceptable to the Secretary. The non-Federal lands shall  
23 conform with the title approval standards applicable to  
24 Federal land acquisitions.

1       (d) TIME FOR CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary shall  
2 complete the conveyance of the Federal lands under sub-  
3 section (a) within three months after Kern County tenders  
4 Greenhorn Mountain Park to the Secretary under sub-  
5 section (b).

6       (e) APPROXIMATELY EQUAL IN VALUE.—The values  
7 of both the Federal and non-Federal lands to be ex-  
8 changed under this section are deemed to be approxi-  
9 mately equal in value, and no additional valuation deter-  
10 minations or cash equalization payments shall be required.

11       (f) STATUS OF ACQUIRED LANDS.—Upon approval  
12 and acceptance of title by the Secretary, the non-Federal  
13 lands conveyed to the United States under this section  
14 shall become part of Sequoia National Forest, and the  
15 boundaries of the national forest shall be adjusted to in-  
16 clude the acquired lands. The Secretary shall manage the  
17 acquired lands for recreational purposes in accordance  
18 with the laws and regulations pertaining to the National  
19 Forest System. For purposes of section 7 of the Land and  
20 Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l–  
21 9), the boundaries of the national forest, as adjusted pur-  
22 suant to this section, shall be considered to be the bound-  
23 aries of the national forest as of January 1, 1965.

24       (g) RELATIONSHIP TO ENVIRONMENTAL LIABIL-  
25 ITY.—In connection with the conveyances under this sec-

1 tion, the Secretary may require such additional terms and  
2 conditions related to environmental liability as the Sec-  
3 retary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the  
4 United States.

5 (h) LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—The exact acreage and  
6 legal description of the real property to be exchanged  
7 under this section shall be determined by a survey satis-  
8 factory to the Secretary.

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